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Students compete to “Raise the Dough” for hunger relief

The Campus Kitchens Project to help students raise funds

Washington, DC – Starting April 5, 16 Campus Kitchens across the country will kick off a week-long “Raise the Dough” fundraising challenge to benefit their local communities through hunger relief efforts. In support of student community service, The Campus Kitchens Project is sponsoring prizes up to \$1,000 for students that raise the most money or involve the most individual donors through the online campaign.

Campus Kitchens use on-campus kitchen space and engage students as volunteers to prepare and deliver free meals to those in need. Programs are led by student leaders, who volunteer to plan menus, line up food donations, run cooking shifts, and organize food delivery.

“At our Campus Kitchen, we feed the community throughout the year with food that would have gone to waste on campus. But this fundraising challenge is a way for us to supply our pantry with staples that ensure those meals will be balanced and healthy,” explains Jenny Bird, coordinator at the Campus Kitchen at Saint Louis University, a Raise the Dough participant and last year’s runner-up in the competition.

From April 5 to April 12, Campus Kitchens will compete to see who can raise the most money for tools essential to their hunger-fighting efforts, including gardening supplies, insulated meal delivery bags, and fresh produce. Because they rely on donated food, students are able to stretch these dollars and create over 250,000 meals each year.

Participating Campus Kitchens include:

- Atlantic City
- East Carolina University
- Gettysburg College
- Gonzaga University
- Kent State University
- Marquette University
- Northwestern University
- Saint Louis University
- St. Lawrence University
- Union College
- Washington DC
- College of William and Mary

- University of Georgia
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- University of Nebraska Kearney
- University of Massachusetts Boston

Individuals can donate [online](#). Prize-winning kitchens will be announced April 13, 2013.

About The Campus Kitchens Project

The Campus Kitchens Project is a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community. On 33 university and high school campuses across the country, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers' markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community, that they will carry with them into future careers. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond meals by using food as a tool to promote poverty solutions, implement garden initiatives, participate in nutrition education, and convene food policy events.

To learn more about The Campus Kitchens Project, visit www.campuskitchens.org.